GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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POLLUTING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industries inspected by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under the Environment Vigilance Scheme during the last three years;

(b) the number of industries found to be violating pollution control norms alongwith the details of their offences;

(c) whether the CPCB has given any directions to close down such industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the status of such industries as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 150 to be answered on 22nd August, 2007 on "Polluting Industries" by Dr. Ramkrishna Kusmaria.

(a) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), has been conducting inspections to ensure compliance by industrial units to various pollution control norms. The number of inspections of industrial units carried out by the CPCB were 76 in the year 2005, 203 in the year 2006 and 27 in 2007 (upto June 2007).

(b) Based on the inspections carried out, 65 industrial units in 2005, 107 industrial units in 2006 and 15 industrial units in 2007 (upto June, 2007), have been identified by the CPCB to be violating the pollution control norms.

(c) The CPCB has issued directions under Section 5 of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 for closure of 2 industrial units in 2005, 63 industrial units in 2006 and 11 industrial units in 2007 (upto June, 2007).

The CPCB also issued directions under Section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 to the concerned State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) for closure of 1 industrial unit in 2005, 1 unit in 2006 and 6 units in 2007 till installation and satisfactory operation of requisite pollution control system, in order to meet the prescribed norms.

The CPCB, through the concerned SPCBs, regularly monitors the compliance of directions issued to industrial units for controlling pollution. The industrial units against which the directions were issued have been either closed down or have upgraded the pollution control system as per directions issued.